

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James Kayden on 03 March 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 9, lines 4-5": Replace "said plane surface (32)" with –said at least one plane surface (32) –.

In claim 11, line 3: Replace "at least one jaw (4)" with –said at least one jaw (4)–.

In claim 15, line 5: Replace "said stud" with –said guide stud–.

In claim 17, line 3: Replace "jaws (4, 4')" with –said at least one jaw (4)–; line 4: Replace "said lugs" with –said at least one lug–.

In claim 27, line 1: Replace "and including" with –wherein–.

In claim 28, lines 14-15: Replace "said one jaw (4)" with –said at least one jaw (4)–.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: allowance of claims 1-29 is indicated because the prior art of record does not show or fairly suggest

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at least one jaw mounted to move in translation in relation to the other members in the manner recited in claim 1.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to STEPHEN J. RALIS whose telephone number is (571)272-6227. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tu Hoang can be reached on 571-272-4780. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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